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(SBU) Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Spanish Deputy DG for Human Rights Fernando Fernandez-Arias on January 24, urging EU nations to vote against the resolution tabled by the OIC, rather than abstain. Fernandez-Arias said that EU consensus was broken at present, and that it was possible some states would vote against and the rest would abstain. Spain was advocating for a strong consensus explanation of vote in the event of EU abstention. Fernandez-Arias admitted that he had not yet talked to Geneva and was not sure of the latest state of play. Poloff emphasized that the resolution was completely unbalanced and made no mention of the provocative rocket attacks into Israel.
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